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FOR MEASURING THE)
WEIGHT OF AN OPTICAL)
FIBER PREFORM DURING A)
CHEMICAL DEPOSITION)
PROCESS FOR FORMING)
THE PREFORM)

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

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1. European Patent Application No. 0 769 687 A1.

In lieu of a statement of relevance or the translation of the non-English document, enclosed is an English-language international search report from the European Patent Office in the PCT international application, from which this national phase U.S. application is derived, citing this document and setting forth the relevance thereof.

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